

Subject: Is Huizar Still Pushing for N. Fig Bike lanes? Better call and e-mail today!

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Is Huizar Still Pushing for N. Fig Bike lanes? Better call and e-mail today!
According to a fly on the wall....

At the August meeting of the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council, the meeting heard a presentation from DOT on possible bike lanes on North Figueroa. There were 4 people there from the LADOT and 1 from the LA Bike Coalition that was taping this segment of the meeting.

Tim Fremaux from the LADOT spoke about Cedillo deferring the bike lanes in his district. They then presented two options, one with parking and bike lanes on both sides with only one traffic lane in each direction. The second option offered two traffic lanes in one direction, one traffic lane in the other direction, bike lanes and parking on only one side of the street. The center left turn lane was present in both options.

One ERNC officer that lives off Figueroa commented that most of his neighbors oppose bike lanes on Figueroa. A couple of other officers asked some questions regarding Tim's about the inaccuracies about the data that was used for the Colorado Blvd model about delays and is the data about Figueroa incorrect as well.

An audience member asked 3 questions about why wasn't the intersection of Yosemite and Figueroa included in the traffic data. He also mentioned about how hard it is for residents along this corridor to make left turns from their streets onto Figueroa. Another member of the audience asked if there was going to be a meeting for community input on the subject.

Fremaux skated around this question by stating there had been several community meetings about the bikes lanes already in Eagle Rock and that it is up to Jose Huizar's office to make the recommendation to the Council and Mayor. Another audience members asked several questions about the safety hazard created with the bike lanes on Colorado when impatient drivers using the bike lanes for a passing lane, and what does the LADOT plan to do to protect the cyclists from these drivers.

Tim said enforcement. Another question was if this is happening on Colorado Blvd after the traffic lanes where reduced from 3 lanes to 2, would the hazard would be far greater when 2 lanes are reduced to one? Another was can they build a segregated bike lane that supports bikes going in both directions that would protect the cyclists from reckless drivers like they have along the 101 Fwy from Santa Barbara through Carpentaria. Fremaux said there was no money for this.

However, a certain Highland Park community leader was having dinner at a local restaurant, and witnessed Nate Hayward from Councilman Huizar's office meeting with a group of bicyclists. Although Huizar promised that he would not

try to implement bike lanes on North Figueroa north of York Boulevard unless and until they were implemented south of York first, he may be breaking his promise.

It is a good time to contract him regarding North Fig and hopefully nip this in the bud, and might as well express any concerns you have about problem areas with Colorado Boulevard Road Diet/ Bike lanes as well.

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